

MARGINAL COLUMN
By LIA BEN-DOR

FOR nine years now the hulks of burnt-out lorries have lain scattered along the roadside on the way from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv. Strangers often do not know how they came to be there, or why they have been allowed to remain. An American economic aid representative complained in all innocence once that it did not seem much good helping people to buy vehicles if this was the way they treated them, and then did not even bother to remove the wrecks. Children too young to remember the fighting in 1948 sometimes ask what these trucks are, and they do not always receive the right answer. But few Jerusalemites who lived through the siege can pass down that road, however often it may be, without remembering that but for the convoys of food and ammunition whose fate these trucks mark, the city would have fallen. There was one convoy that entered the perilous winding road, fell victim to an Arab ambush and failed to get through. There were others in which only single vehicles were crippled. But each wrecked car that remained behind meant, almost inevitably, a driver and escort who did not get back to their homes. And who in Jerusalem will ever forget the morning, the day before Passover 1948, when the hills-top had been cleared of Arab gangs in a three-day operation, and a long convoy drove triumphantly into the city? It brought not only the much-needed flour that was to feed the city throughout the siege, but the last-moment reassurance that Jerusalem had not been forgotten or abandoned, and that the boys and girls in their grey jackets who waved from the trucks could fight their way through where the entire British administration professed itself helpless to supply the city.

WHEN the battles were over and the road was open again, there were the battered trucks. The cabs had been hastily armoured at the time to protect the drivers against snipers, with only two narrow slits with visors left as windows. Some had slipped into the ditch, and their tires were shot away or the steering destroyed by a hand grenade, most had caught fire at some stage, and the later wreckage had been dragged off the road to make room for traffic. Opinion was divided on what should be done with them. Some thought they should be left where they were, as a memorial to the defenders of Jerusalem. Some thought the pitiful remnants, like the drivers themselves, should be taken away to decent oblivion. As early as 1950, a suggestion was made by Mr. Moshe Erem in the Knesset that the area should be fenced off and a monument erected. Later, there was a proposal that the remains of the trucks should be collected, melted down and this metal cast as a memorial. As a result some of the trucks were taken away to the Army camp at Sarafand, and stored. Others were removed a little further from the road because they interfered with visibility.

BY last winter, the remaining vehicles were beginning to rust so badly that they crumbled at a touch. The committee appointed to preserve Israel's monuments, ancient and modern, reluctantly decided to restore the trucks to some extent and to paint them. A first coat of red lead paint was taken away from the trucks, and it was decided to leave the cars this colour. In a further experiment to create a unified memorial, the vehicles that had been taken away were brought back and an attempt made to pile them together in one conspicuous place. Unfortunately, they looked merely like a junk heap. The cars were then distributed along the edge of the road again, perhaps not in the precise places where they were destroyed but certainly at points at which there had been ambushes. A stone monument is now to be put up at the entrance to this section of the road, describing the battles, and small markers by the vehicles themselves bearing only the date. Similar markers and explanations are to be put up in the coming months on the Kastel battle-field that overlooks the road a few kilometres closer to the city, and which had to be occupied before the final, successful convoy could get through.

THE rust-red paint, the vehicles brought back from Sarafand and the others which had been put out of sight and are now back on the edge of the road, have suddenly made the road seem to blossom with red trucks. A theory has circulated that the Tourist Department decided that there were not enough wrecks to impress the visitors expected next year, and had added half a dozen new ones for show. There was no need for such bitter mockery. Enough trucks were lost on that road in the fight for Jerusalem, and every one of the wrecks now on the road met its fate there by Arab fire. Jerusalem, June 10.

IL50m. Housing Loan
Approved by Cabinet

By DAN BAVLY, Jerusalem Post Reporter

A IL50m. Housing Loan will be floated shortly by the Finance Ministry, as approved yesterday by the Cabinet.

The loan, which would be used to help finance increasing expenditure on new immigrant housing, is being drafted by the Ministry and will probably be presented to the Knesset for approval soon after the Minister, Mr. Levi Eshkol, returns from his visit to the U.S. at the end of this month.

It is understood that the loan will be largely on the lines of the IL40m. Defence Loan issue of last December. It will, however, bear a slightly lower rate of interest.

Mr. Eshkol will fly to the U.S. on Wednesday, accompanied by Mr. Y. Tsafrir, head of the Housing Division of the Ministry of Labour. During Mr. Eshkol's two-week stay in America, he will try to find ways to raise IL50m. from popular loans, to cope with the needs of the 250,000 immigrants expected in the next three years.

IL500m. in Housing. An estimated IL500m. will have to be invested in housing over that period, of which approximately 40 per cent is required in foreign currency. IL400m. from popular loans, of which the IL50m. Housing Loan is the first instalment, while it is hoped to receive the remainder from U.S. Jews.

Although it is still not clear how the special IL100m.-IL150m. in addition to the regular U.S. contributions and the U.S. Government's loan, will be raised, Mr. Eshkol will propose several alternatives in his talks with Jewish leaders.

One possibility will be a special loan guaranteed by the Government, including building and land held by the Development Authority. Another may be a loan guaranteed by a special long-term loan from American banks, with other Israel assets as collateral.

End to Ais Strike. Meanwhile, Mr. Eshkol is understood to have joined the Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, in putting pressure on the Histadrut to try to end the Ais strike as soon as possible.

The Finance Minister feels that the month-old strike in Israel's best-known privately-owned factory may arouse many awkward questions in his negotiations for loans in the U.S. He has emphasized to the Histadrut Secretary-General, Mr. Pinhas Lavon, and to the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Pinhas Rutenberg, that the most advisable to end the strike by the end of this week.

It is understood, however, that although private unofficial meetings between the parties involved have multiplied in the last few days, no development likely to bring about a quick solution of the dispute is noticeable.

The official communiqué stated the Cabinet at its weekly session yesterday discussed current matters in the field of foreign relations; Approved the plan of a loan for immigrant housing and agreed to present a bill on the subject to the Knesset; Decided to apply the Civil Servants' Pension Law to teachers.

Foerder Expected To Replace Barth. Dr. Yeshayahu Foerder, M.K., is to be appointed to the Bank Leumi Board of Directors to fill the vacancy left by the death last week of Dr. Isaac Barth, it was learned yesterday.

Dr. Foerder is also the chief candidate for Dr. Barth's position as Managing Director of the Bank and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors. He has been in the Ministry of Finance since 1948, and is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Israel. Mr. D. Israeli, Dr. S. Saalheimer and Dr. E. Lehman, all present at the meeting, are also expected to be appointed to the Board.

Italian Gov't May Resign Today

ROME, Sunday (Reuters). — Premier Adone Zoli's two-week-old Christian Democrat Government which yesterday appeared to have a one-vote majority in Parliament and later discovered that it was a one-vote defeat will probably decide tomorrow whether to resign.

A clerical error in miscounting two votes on a confidence motion in the lower house of the Italian Parliament had by today thrown Italy's political parties into a state of confusion almost without precedent.

'Slow Progress' In Arms Talks

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuters). — The chief U.S. delegate to the U.N. Disarmament Subcommittee meeting in London, Mr. Harold Stassen, told reporters on his arrival here from England today that the talks are "slowly making progress."

He said progress is being made "along the lines of the policy of President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles for a lasting peace."

However, there are "many difficult questions" to be worked out in the disarmament talks.

Mr. Stassen intended to return to London on Tuesday or Wednesday. The talks had been suspended for a few days.

In Washington later, Mr. Stassen told reporters that delay in preventing the U.S. proposal for a "no first use" of nuclear weapons was "natural on such an important matter."

The U.S. delegate is to see the President and Mr. Dulles here, but he had no idea when.

Peron's Supporters Clash with Police

BUENOS AIRES, Sunday (Reuters). — About 3,000 supporters of the deposed President, Juan Peron, skirmished with police and stormed luxury hotels near the Plaza San Martin yesterday.

The demonstrators, chanting "Long Live Peron," were commemorating executions by a firing squad last year following an abortive pro-Peron coup. No shots were fired but about 50 persons were arrested.

Roman Catholic bishops yesterday instructed Catholics to vote for "the common good" at the forthcoming Argentine election. The election in July is to choose a Representative Assembly which will amend the constitution.

NEHRU VISITING SUDAN IN JULY

CAIRO, Sunday (UP). — Premier Jawaharlal Nehru of India will pay a two-day visit to the Sudan on July 12, and will meet Premier Abduh Khaddaf, Foreign Minister Mohammed El-Mahdi and the spiritual leaders, Ali Mirghani and Abdullah Mahdi, the Middle East News Agency reported today.

The Indian Premier, who will be on his way to the meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London, previously announced his intention to visit Egypt and Syria.

PAKISTANI PREMIER DUE IN LEBANON

HASSAN SUHRAWARDI, Prime Minister of Pakistan, will pay a four-day official visit to Lebanon starting June 19, Beirut Radio reported yesterday. Suhrawardi will conduct political discussions with the Lebanese authorities, it is reported.

Pineau Urges Probe Of Tunisian Clashes

PARIS, Sunday (UP). — Foreign Minister Christian Pineau called in Tunisian Ambassador Mohammed Masnoum yesterday and urged that a French-Tunisian committee be set up to investigate incidents in the past two weeks in which nine Frenchmen and 13 Tunisians have been killed.

Dayan and Burns Meet Today On Gaza Problems

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The construction of a fence and the establishment of a security zone in the Gaza Strip to prevent border crossings into Israel are expected to be among the topics of conversation at a meeting between Dayan and Burns today.

Chiefs of Staff, and Major Gen. E. L. M. Burns, U.N. Emergency Force Commander, to be held at 10 o'clock this morning. The site of the talks has been announced.

Mr. Burns requested the meeting. It is understood that he did so on instructions from the U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld.

It will be recalled that Mr. Hammarskjöld met with Israeli representatives at the U.N. last Monday following a series of mine-laying and other incidents in which Israeli soldiers had been killed and military casualties.

Both the fence and the security zone have the support of the Secretary-General and Israel, but nothing has been heard by Israel at least of the Egyptian reaction. Presumably, the establishment of both the barrier and the zone has been delayed until an answer was forthcoming from Cairo.

It was thought likely last night in Jerusalem that Gen. Burns would bring a reply from the Egyptians.

Israel favours the establishment of a fence along the whole length of the Gaza Strip inside the Strip, rather than a barrier to be put up only at "sensitive" spots. The latter proposal was made by Mr. Hammarskjöld, but since he did not know the Egyptian position, it has been seen that a number of incidents have occurred at places not previously considered sensitive.

Under the provisions of the security zone, also inside the Strip, U.N. Emergency Force troops, who would be recruited to the zone, would have the right to shoot anyone not answering a challenge from sentries.

Turkey-Egypt Relations Seen Improving

An improvement in Turkey-Egypt relations which have been strained for over two years as a result of the Baghdad Pact, was reported by the Arab News Agency from Ankara yesterday.

The agency learned from official circles that the two countries have decided to re-instate their ambassadors in their posts after they had been recalled.

Diplomatic quarters in Ankara are quoted as saying that the Egyptian proposal to create a congenial atmosphere for the new policy he intends to follow vis-a-vis Egypt and the Arab world. He is reported to be engaged in establishing better relations between the Moslem members of the Baghdad Pact and those of the Arab states which have adopted a policy of "positive neutrality," as a counter to the infiltration of the Soviets in the Middle East.

Relations between Turkey and Israel have entered a new phase, three quarters added, following the policy of "positive neutrality" from Israel in her current dispute with France.

Suez Hostilities Distracted U.N. From Action On Hungary-Lodge

WILLIAMSTOWN, Massachusetts, Sunday.—Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, U.S. chief delegate to the U.N. today blamed the "distracting and confusing" effects of Anglo-French-Israeli action in Egypt last autumn for the U.N. failure to help Hungary.

It is a unique and special tragedy that the crisis in Hungary came at the same time as the Soviet onslaught on Hungary, he said. He said that the U.N. had been distracted by the Hungarian crisis, and that the U.N. had been distracted by the Hungarian crisis, and that the U.N. had been distracted by the Hungarian crisis.

For Foreign Minister fore-casters said the choice lies between Mr. René Fievez (Near Radical) and the present Minister, Mr. Christian Pineau (Socialist).

U.S.S.R. Is 'Callous'

The Soviet Union, as one of the two greatest military powers, is today called to moral values by the U.S.S.R. The case of Britain, France and Israel was "radically different." The way they heeded world opinion reflected great credit on them, and reflected the fact that they were on a higher plane of civilization, Mr. Lodge said.

In Grinnell, Iowa, Mr. Raymond A. Hare, U.S. Ambassador to Egypt, said today Americans must learn to comprehend world opinion reflected great credit on them, and reflected the fact that they were on a higher plane of civilization, Mr. Lodge said.

BEVAN TO VISIT RUSSIA: POLAND VIENNA, Sunday (SIPA). — Mr. Anthony Bevan will visit Moscow and Warsaw in August, according to information received here.

One Killed and Four Wounded As Elections Begin in Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The key to the outcome of the present East-West struggle, now in full swing between the Arab states, is Syria, according to political observers in Jerusalem. While reverberations are being heard from Amman, Beirut, and along the Gaza Strip its epicentre is in Damascus.

There, the attempt of Col. Serraj, head of the Syrian Army Intelligence, and Ahmad Khourani, leader of the Arab Socialist Revival Party, to assume control of the Government, suffered a setback when 58 members of the Opposition in Parliament, either handed in their resignation, or boycotted the House.

The occasion for the resignation was the bitter debate when the Opposition leader, Rushdi Kikhya, and members of his Sha'ab (People's) Party, were called "imperialist agents" by the leader of the Communist Party, Khaled Bakdash. It was the first time that the Communist deputy singled out a member of Parliament for such an attack.

The Opposition jumped at the opportunity to try to bring about the Government's downfall. The present Government has the support of only 50 of the 142 members.

Change in Syrian Gov't Imminent

A Cabinet reshuffle is expected in Syria following the resignation last week of Pasha Minister Assad Mahassin, and the political crisis created by the resignation of Rushdi Kikhya and 35 other Sha'ab (People's) Party deputies from Parliament.

The Arab News Agency reported from Damascus that the parliamentary National Bloc — consisting of some independent deputies, of the Ba'ath Party and a section of the Nationalist Party factions — has asked Premier Sabri Assad to confine the changes to a redistribution of Cabinet posts.

They demanded that he refrain from introducing new elements into the Cabinet, so as not to cause a split among the various parties of the Bloc, and in order to preserve its strength.

Meanwhile, the Syrian Premier has expressed the hope that the four Arab leaders, Nasser, Kuwayt, Saud and Hussein, will meet shortly to formulate a joint Arab stand against imperialist conspiracies and the Zionist danger.

Assad, who was commenting on Saud's visit in Jordan, said that the present Saudi mission is a preliminary step towards the "purification" of the atmosphere between the Arab states.

Arab League Chief To Amman Soon

Abdul Khalek Hassouna, Secretary-General of the Arab League, will visit Jordan and discuss various Arab affairs with the Jordan authorities. AANA reported from Amman yesterday he will then proceed to Saudi Arabia.

Hassouna's visit is expected to take place after the end of King Saud's current visit to Amman, the agency added. Hassouna yesterday sent a memorandum to all Arab states calling on them to support Tunisia in her current dispute with France.

Abducted Soldier Returned

An Israeli soldier, held up inside Israel by four Jordanians last January and abducted to Jordan, was returned to Israel through Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem last Monday.

The soldier, Yitzhak Kayvan, 26, came to Israel from Algeria in 1955. His parents and brothers still live in Algeria.

On his release, he told police that on January 5 he had been stopped by four men in Arab dress on the Ramle-Lydda road, 8 kms. inside Israel. He was walking back to his Army camp after attending a cinema in Ramle when he heard the command, "Halt!" in Hebrew.

He assumed that the men were village guards from nearby Kfar Truman and raised his hands. The four men jumped him, bound his hands and gagged his mouth. After a long walk through the dark, he and his captors arrived at Zarka Prison, in Jordan, where he was interrogated by an officer in French. Later he was assigned a cell and kept in solitary confinement.

After about a month and a half, he was taken to a lieutenant who, when he heard that Kayvan was a Jew, assaulted him for having "killed" Arab children and pregnant women in Gaza. A week later the same officer came again, and this time punched him in the face, breaking a tooth.

During Passover, he staged a hunger strike for four days in protest against the inhuman conditions of the prison. After five months of detention, on May 11 he was told that he would be freed. The following day, Saturday, he was taken to the Old City, and on Monday transferred to the Israel authorities.

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No French Decision To Use Suez Canal

PARIS, Sunday (Reuters). — France has taken no decision yet on ending her boycott of the Suez Canal but the matter is under study, official sources said in Paris today.

The Cairo announcement today that Egypt will accept payment of French Canal dues in sterling was made in reply to questions put by French banks through the medium of a neutral embassy, the sources said.

Today's Cairo announcement followed a statement by a spokesman of the Finance Ministry that France had decided to use the Canal again after maintaining a long boycott, and he reported that France had requested that French ships passing through the Canal be allowed to pay in sterling.

Meanwhile, Under-Secretary of Finance Louis de Banna, who yesterday signed a new payments agreement between Egypt and Italy, conferred with Finance Minister Kassis today.

The agreement gave Egypt the possibility to use its lire assets within the European Payments Union.

A member of the Egyptian delegation, Ahmed Abul'ala, Deputy Manager of the Canal, said that the Canal tolls payment by Italian ships was not included in the agreement and would be considered later.

Saud-Hussein Talks Benefit 'All Arabs'

The Chief of the Jordan Royal Palace, Bahjat Talhouni, told the Arab News Agency yesterday that the Hussein-Saud talks will do good for the Arab world as a whole.

He said the two monarchs had devoted all their lives to the service of the Arab people and concentrated their efforts on eradicating "evil elements which work for subversion and dissent."

Talhouni said the visit is the best proof of the brotherly links and the unity of all the Arab states.

King Saud and King Hussein yesterday arrived together by car for lunch at the Agricultural College outside Amman. Hundreds of armed traffic police and guards escorted the Kings who were accompanied by a large entourage of princes, ministers and officials.

Formation of New Iraqi Gov't Delayed

Premier Nuri Said of Iraq has postponed the announcement of his new Cabinet until Thursday because he has met certain difficulties in forming it, Cairo Radio reported last night.

Twenty-three Iraqi paratroopers left yesterday for Britain where they will receive training, the Arab News Agency reported from Baghdad last night.

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Woman Predominant

Baghdad Radio reported that polling was more numerous among women than men voters. A number of persons were arrested on charges of interfering with the voters, it added.

The term of the present parliament ends officially on August 9.

Yesterday's voting was in two out of the five electoral districts into which the country is divided. It will affect 22 out of the 66 seats of the House — 11 for the Beirut district and 11 for the Southern district.

Voting for the remaining 44 seats will take place in the other three districts on June 16, 23 and 30.

About 200,000 voters in Beirut and south Lebanon went to the polls yesterday. The remaining 600,000 will vote in the next three stages of the election.

Agronsky's Condition Reported Improved

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Mr. Daniel Agronsky, son of the Mayor of Jerusalem, who was wounded in both legs by a mine yesterday near the Tel Hashomer Hospital to be improving today, Mr. Agronsky is head of the Merom Company, engaged in aerial spraying of fields, and was travelling with the Nahal Or secretary to survey the kibbutz fields when their car struck a mine.

Mr. Agronsky's name was not published in connection with notification being sent by radio to his father, who is on board the s.s. Theodor Herzl with the Israel delegation to the Heads of Local Authorities Conference at The Hague.

Verdict Today In Cairo Spy Trial

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuters). — Verdicts are due to be given tomorrow in the spy trial of 20 people, including eight Britons, of whom four were tried in absentia.

The death sentence has been demanded for 11 of the accused in custody, including two Britons — James Swinburn, Cairo business manager of the Arab News Agency, and James Zerk, a Maltese businessman, and a third Briton, Alexander Reynolds, in his absence.

These risking death sentences are charged with "obtaining during war-time information and documents relating to the equipment, movement and military operations of the Egyptian army in co-operation with the object of delivering them to a foreign country (Britain) and having actually delivered such information."

The defence denied that the alleged offences were committed while Egypt was in a state of war with Israel. It argued there was no state of war under International Law.



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THE statement that the Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, made at a meeting of newspaper editors held on Friday ISRAEL AND Friday WORLD JEWRY that the continuation of the process of mass immigration might postpone economic independence indefinitely has attracted wide attention. This is only natural, especially as it was accompanied by the forthright declaration that he was not anxious to achieve economic independence at the expense of such immigration.

It has resulted in another attack on the Prime Minister's whole policy from the same quarter, which has in the past, too, not been enthusiastic about unlimited immigration. An editorial in "Ha'aretz" declared that Mr. Ben-Gurion was using the question of mass immigration as a means of postponing the implementation of a stringent economic policy at home and indeed in order to cover up the Government's failure or refusal to impose the necessary sacrifices which this country would have to make in order to provide homes and a livelihood for new waves of immigration.

Such a charge is both false in fact and weak in economic logic. It presupposes that the Government had not called for sacrifices and has not imposed direct and indirect taxation which certainly fall as heavily if not more heavily on the very sector of society which comprises that led by the Prime Minister's Party as any other. The attack is weak in economic logic for it simply ignores the further statement made by the Prime Minister in this context that a nation of one-and-three-quarter millions could not possibly be expected to find the means to absorb an immigration of 100,000 per annum.

The truth of the matter is that Israel is bound and entitled to ask for the assistance of world Jewry. In the modern age, now that there is a State of Israel, Jews are moving from exile into the freedom of their own land with the solidly based hope, before them that this is not a transfer from exile to exile like the Jewish migrations of the past, but to a permanent home in which they have rights and full partnership.

Under such conditions economic independence is purely a relative thing. The economic independence of Israel is not to be measured by the standards which the text books apply to all countries. Since Israel is the Zionist State much more than the Jewish State, economic independence ought, so long as mass immigration goes on, to be measured by the absorptive capacity of the country of Israel itself plus the capacity of the Jewries of the world to contribute towards that absorption. So long as the resources of Israel and world Jewry combined can cope with the situation the position is still one in which the Jewish people can be reasonably assured that it is still within command of its own destiny, which is precisely what independence means.

How well the Jewish world geared itself to cope with the problem is revealed in the report of the U.J.A. National Rescue conference which took place in New York over the week-end. It appears that more money was raised in the first half of 1957 than in any similar period since 1949 when a supreme effort made by world Jewry to succour the new Israel then fighting for its life in a different kind of battle-field.

It is not easy for everyone to face a further period of economic instability in Israel, or to remember that immigration must be the chief target for a period of years. Israel's courage in the face of this problem is better understood in the United States than in some quarters here, and at the U.J.A. Conference there was unanimous praise by leaders of the American nation at the way Israel is standing as "a sanctuary for the oppressed," as Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson put it.

Election Troubles in Lebanon

Mr. Chamoun's Invisible Allies

BY SHULAMITH SCHWARTZ
The analogies between the bitter political drama of recent days in Lebanon and the conflict just a little while back in Jordan are obvious. So many of the components are similar: the Egyptian, Syrian and Communist agents and funds, attempting to frustrate a pro-Western policy; street mobs, including Palestinian refugees; clashes between them and the military loyal to the regime. But there are great and crucial differences. The artificiality, the sense and dignity of Jordan need not be re-emphasized, but the existence of a genuine and rooted Lebanese patriotism is too often forgotten.

This is a proud love of country with a long history behind it. It is expressed in a characteristic, often quoted Lebanese proverb: "Blissful the man who owns even as little a sheepfold in the Lebanon." The typical Lebanese assesses all history in terms of "what is good for the Lebanon." Thus for the last few months Lebanese newspapers supporting the Government have been reiterating the point of view that the Lebanon's adherence to a Zionist doctrine is essential to the country's own vital interest; it will guarantee the republic's independence and ensure it to remain true to its special character.

Christian Influence
That "special character" stems largely from the Maronite Christian influence dominant in the Lebanon over the ages and tied culturally and spiritually to the West, and particularly the Catholic world. It is quite understandable, then, that despite the great care taken in the Lebanon to integrate all the elements in the population, the anti-Government mobs were composed overwhelmingly of Moslems who are so much less Westernized than the Maronite and other Catholic Christians and so much more easily affected by trends in the Moslem states of the area. But the situation is even more complex, for just as the influence

of Egypt and Syria played its role on the streets of Beirut, an invisible factor stood behind the Government and the Army. It is a factor that deeply affects every aspect of Lebanese life — the existence of a million emigrants scattered throughout the world, particularly in the Americas, and in many countries retaining their Lebanese citizenship.

Traditional Isolationism
The many millions of dollars the emigrants send to the Lebanon every year in remittances to kinship and family, are a main element in the country's budget, and are, moreover, a clear expression of the emigrants' unremitting interest in every development taking place in Lebanese political, economic, religious or social life. Since as high as 85 per cent of the emigrants are Christians, the majority of them Maronite or Greek Catholic (Melchite), their attitude is characterized by a strongly traditional, Lebanese isolationism, pro-Western, insistent on independence from the Pan-Islamic trends in the Middle East.

From Sao Paulo to Detroit, from Dakar to New York, from Caracas to the Gold Coast, the emigrants' newspapers and clubs scrutinize and react to what happens in the Lebanon. In every crisis, floods of cables and letters to the authorities in Beirut make the emigrants' voices heard. This last crisis has no exception: the emigrants have been a perfect example of what the Americans call a pressure group. The approximately 400,000 in the United States have been mobilized by "Al-Hoda," the daily newspaper which has been read by most of them for the last 60 years and which now, as a sign of the times, issues an English supplement called the "Lebanese-American Journal."

"Al-Hoda" has proposed and stimulated a flow of cables to President Chamoun endorsing the Lebanon's policy of going with the West and its agreement with the United Nations for the sake of the Lebanon's progress and security.

Drop in Haifa Road Accidents

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
HAIFA, Sunday. — During the first five months of this year, 905 road accidents occurred in the Haifa district, a slight drop compared to the 929 accidents during the same period last year.

The number of casualties also dropped from 379 to 373, but the number of persons killed in these accidents rose from seven to 15.

These figures were given today by Mr. Shlaski, Head of the Haifa District Traffic Police, which stretches from Hadera to Acre. He stated that 78 per cent of these accidents were due to lack of care, and had occurred on the highways during good weather conditions.

Mr. Shlaski also gave details of the year's activities of the Haifa District Traffic Council, which is holding its annual meeting on Tuesday.

This year, 2,300 schoolchildren in the Haifa area were trained as safety wardens, bringing the total to 12,000 years of work to over 20,000.

At the meeting, 1,000 Haifa drivers will receive their "Careful Driver of 1956" gold pin and wallet in recognition of a year's unblemished driving. They remained among the 4,000 drivers who entered the competition. One hundred of them, who have from three to five years of clean driving behind them, will receive prizes donated by local firms.

For 1957, the scheme has been much enlarged, thanks to the financial aid from the Alliance and some companies. Already, as a result of increased publicity, 10,000 drivers have registered for the competition, representing one quarter of all licence holders in the district.

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NOW that we have a French Ambassador who speaks a polished Hebrew (to say nothing of a secretary at the Russian Embassy, whose Hebrew is less elegant but still serviceable) we may become like the Italians who rightly consider their language very beautiful and resolutely refuse to learn any other while they are at home. The owner of a small shop near our office obviously believes that we have

reached this stage. His second-hand clothes establishment has always specialised in American Army discarded, popular as working clothes because they are cheap and hard-wearing. Right in the middle of his window he has displayed a water bottle with the single word "unserviceable" stencilled across it in large clear letters.

A FRIEND reports from Odessa that language is no problem so long as there is a little goodwill. For the big water tunnel being excavated in the hills of Menashe, Mekorot has engaged a Swedish blasting expert. He speaks some Swedish but has no English, and is affectionately rendered as "Mr. Sandvich" to save trouble. Mr. Sandvich gets along well enough with the engineers and technicians in his strongly Scandinavian version of English. But he also has a form of recently arrived Yiddish immigrants, whom he has turned into skilled tunnellers. He does not expect them to understand Swedish, so he speaks along painfully with them in his limited English. As a matter of fact English and Swedish alike are Greek to the Yemaites, whose mother-tongue is Arabic though they have now also acquired a little halting Hebrew. But they know it would be unreasonable to expect a blond foreigner from so far away to understand Arabic, so they do their best to meet him half-way and stammer along in limited Hebrew.

WHICH gets us back to the real point of this long preamble. A neighbour on a bus was mulling and protesting over his afternoon paper. He could not begin to follow French politics, he said. Every week they had somebody new, and always with the most peculiar names. Now he came on early in the new character, Palmelan? We looked at the paper, and that was certainly what it appeared to say. We agreed that we had never heard of M. Palmelan, though there was something just a little familiar about the letters. When we later came across the name in Latin characters it was of course M. Pflimlin who, we are told, should be pronounced approximately Pflimlan. All of that was the result of transliterating a foreign name into unvoiced Hebrew characters. So was the unfortunate error in this paper last week of "Jean Unesco" for Eugene Ionesco, which also showed what a grip the U.N. is finally getting on the world.

WE have often been surprised at the average tourist's familiarity with our complicated geo-political problems when we consider how easily we are confused by the intricacies of the North African or Indonesian situation. There is no exception to every rule, however, and one particular tourist will be long remembered at Eilat. He looked at the frigates moored at the jetty. Are those Israel ships? He asked. And they were. He nodded, but they were quite sure he asked

between meals, but they have a high regard for the President. She says that she saw a party of school-children on an excursion, lining up outside the President's house in Jerusalem. They certainly looked a little wild, rather as though they had just crossed the Australian Bush on foot, or else habitually lived up trees. But at a word of command they all took out combs — even the boys — and carefully combed their hair down from their foreheads. They were necessary.

Today's contributors include A.B. of Jerusalem and M.R.D. of Bayron.

NATURE NOTES

Frail Quail

EVERYBODY remembers the quail in the Bible (Numbers XI 31ff) and has read modern descriptions about these poor birds, bad fliers who are nonetheless forced to cross the Mediterranean, and then drop to the ground in their tens of thousands, exhausted, unable to breed. A neighbour once flew, will agree that the Bible narrative is quite true to nature. Up to the last Great War, Egypt and other Mediterranean countries, notably the little island of Capri, exported these small succulent birds by the hundreds of thousands, sometimes by the millions, so that they were in danger of being exterminated. Quail (Coturnix coturnix) also pass Israel on their southward journey and rest here, and not too many away to breed. A neighbour once had a mother and ten young in his yard, but I never saw them. Now, however, I have observed one with wings no larger than walnuts and just as round, sulphur-yellow, almost green, and marked in black. They can be seen in the little biological station of Beit Rikbi (Tel Sheva) near Kfar Saba.

The mother has just scratched a shallow dimple in the ground and put in a few wisps of straw. I have never heard the lovely clucking call of the male in Israel, but the mother's is also pleasing, and to see these tiny balls of fluff hiding under her wings is a symbol of mother-love in miniature, so charming because the chicks, unlike newborn perching birds, are so well able to take care of themselves (like all game-birds) and are yet so tiny.

P.A.
Haifa, May 29.

SERVICES FOR JEWISH GIFTS

Jewish military chaplains in 1956 conducted 17,000 religious services attended by 200,000 worshippers at more than 1,000 Army, Navy and Air Force installations in 45 countries where U.S. Armed Forces are stationed, and at 171 Veterans Administration hospitals in America, according to the U.S. National Jewish Welfare Board. The 378 Jewish military chaplains on full and part-time duty with the U.S. forces organized and taught formal and informal Jewish educational classes, courses and programs attended by more than 200,000 Jewish G.I.s and their dependents. (JNB)

Readers' Letters

RESTITUTION FUNDS
Editor, The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I wish to protest against the Treasury's statement that "the average recipient has proved to be well satisfied with the present terms of exchange." (your issue of May 28).

I wonder whether there would be "well satisfied" if one-third of their monthly salary were cut, as has happened to those of us who were office employees and whose pensions for many years of service are thus reduced. I am also the one "unsatisfied" recipient of old-age insurance, to which I had to contribute from 1938 to 1952, the year of my arrival here. Yours, etc.

R. AFTERGOOD
Haifa, May 29.

Tourists Take Home Goodwill

Visitors Are Very Important Indeed

By PHILIP GILLON

ONCE again the voice of the tourist is heard in the land. Israelis look with mixed affection and amusement at the bright plumage and cameras. We have a rather scholastic attitude to these visitors: on the one hand we delight in showing off our country, and we adore foreign currency; on the other, we are not prepared to sacrifice our sturdy independence for tourist dollars.

So when the traveller goes ecstatic in Eilat, it is more than probable that some hardy pioneer will spit sunflower seeds over him, just to prove that we are free men. Some of us relish the tourists' discovery that everything is too wonderful; more than anything else, it is the visitors are too patronizing.

Complete Exhaustion
On the whole most tourists appreciate our lack of servility and submit amiably to the determination of the asserter of liberty to put visitors in their place. Generally the traveller is not given any time to brood on whether he is being well-treated: he is rushed around the country in a roomy base of stupified admiration, tempered by the complete exhaustion induced

by the schedules arranged by travel agents. Israel is a tough, pioneering country; all believe that Metula to Eilat is an easy day's travel for a retired couple on a world tour.

The travel agents also have their troubles. Max Spitz, Managing Director of Pelotours, tore at his distinguished hair as he outlined his woes. His clients are unlike tourists anywhere else in the world: they are not only visitors, they are also Very Important People and Very Important People indeed. They have to be interviewed by the President, the Premier, the Foreign Minister, the Minister of Finance, the Keren Kayemet, the Keren Hayesod, Youth Aliya, Bonds, Hadasah, Wizo, the Histadrut, Meetzetz Hapioneit, all believe that the mass of various other luminaries and organizations. Thus the poor travel agent, who has worked out an elaborate schedule to bring his tourists to Mercaz for Lag BaOmer, may receive a telegram to bring him without fail that afternoon to Sede Boker, a passage booked with great difficulty on the Eilat plane may clash with a reception by the President.

Eilat Headache
Then editor Headache has too many hotels, standing empty, or too few, as at present. Eilat has been the mass of the season, as the incarnation of the country's finest spirit — but getting them there has been a fantastic headache.

The American ban was lifted too late to allow the usual number of Americans to come here for the Spring, but large groups have booked for the summer. From all over the world, visitors have come to see the victors of Sinai: Israel has certainly had adequate publicity. The number of tourists from England and South Africa has far exceeded expectations. Visitors are coming from as far away as Manila. According to Mr. Spitz, the most popular groups have naturally been those coming from France, such as that led by Barot, de Rothschild. The members almost all should go to the hospitality, not only of Israel's leaders, but of every citizen they met — they will probably have to recover in France from their holiday here.

The number of visitors who leave Israel dissatisfied or impressed is negligible. All the publicity in the world is not as useful as a trip to this country. However steeped he may be in propaganda, the visitor leaves amazed and thrilled by what he found. Tourism pays off not only in direct foreign currency, but also in goodwill.

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Explosions Drown Out Dag

FOUR papers anxiously set out to scan the Middle East horizon for signs of the proved conditions as seen by the U.N. Secretary-General only to come away somewhat disillusioned: they are conscious of the mine explosions and reports of casualties along the Gaza Strip.

Lamerhav (Ahud Ha'avoda) attacks Mr. Hammarskjöld's sophism and says that instead of demanding that Egypt give up its belligerent attitude and acts, Mr. Hammarskjöld dabbles in a year's unblemished driving. They remained among the 4,000 drivers who entered the competition. One hundred of them, who have from three to five years of clean driving behind them, will receive prizes donated by local firms.

For 1957, the scheme has been much enlarged, thanks to the financial aid from the Alliance and some companies. Already, as a result of increased publicity, 10,000 drivers have registered for the competition, representing one quarter of all licence holders in the district.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) writes that Mr. Hammarskjöld is trying to get us to say to ourselves that "every day is a day of peace" and notice that U.N. groups oppose the economic boycott cause it to evaporate into thin air. Mr. Hammarskjöld's announcement that he is asking Egypt not to delay in referring Right of Passage to the Hague Court means nothing, since Egypt, which does not obey the Security Council's resolutions, will not pay attention to the International Court's decision either. Only a firm warning to Nasser to stop his belligerent activity will bring calm to the region.

Haaretz (non-party) thinks ludicrous the Prime Minister's effort to convince us that if we want larger immigration we shall have to put up with the postscript of our aims for economic independence, instead of trying to show that a higher aim should spur us on to greater productivity. Hence, the Government's policy seems to be to sacrifice, for a time, what we already have — the standard of living or part of an inflated bureaucratic machine, but something we do not yet possess: our economic future. It is up to the Prime

Minister's own party to demonstrate that the matter of our future and of those whom the Prime Minister would bring here depends upon our concern for our economic welfare.

Haaboker (General Zionism), in connection with the Prime Minister's disclosures on the anonymity and obliquity of the Sherut Bitahon (Security Service) and "the unknown hand behind the scenes," draws attention to the letter in Friday's Ha'aretz allegedly sent by a member of the Mapai Secretariat, and claims that the Sherut Bitahon is a potential instrument in the hands of the ruling party to perpetuate its rule and slowly and surely build up a situation that will lead to a dictatorship "under the cloak of democracy."

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